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Poland and US Initial F-16 Sale

On 15 March, the U.S. Department of Defense and the Government of Poland initialed documents governing a \$3.5 billion sale of F-16s for the Polish Air Force. The initialing of key documents by the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency Lt. Gen. Tome Walters and the Deputy Minister of Defense Janusz Zemke and Deputy Minister of Finance Ryszard Michalski signified the successful completion of negotiations on the technical and financial aspects of the deal. The foreign military sales (FMS) agreement, valued at over \$3.5 billion, includes 48 F-16 C/D Block 50/52 fighter aircraft, weapons, logistics support and training. They also initialed an agreement for a \$3.8 billion U.S. Government foreign military financing (FMF) direct loan.

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Corporation, the prime contractor for the aircraft, is leading separate negotiations on a related offset agreement with Poland's Ministry of Economy. During the initialing ceremony, the Government of Poland reported progress on the offset negotiations and speculated that they could be completed in a matter of weeks. Plans are to formally sign all agreements, including a master offset agreement, by mid-April.

Poland's procurement of the F-16 fighter aircraft represents a major step in further solidifying the already strong strategic relationship between the United States and Poland. Poland, which is celebrating its fourth anniversary of joining NATO, is a key U.S. ally in Central Europe. The sale of the F-16 will enable Poland to increase its interoperability with the U.S. military and NATO, and will enhance its participation in joint and coalition military missions.